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INTERNET TELEPHONY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies which have been granted licences for the Internet Telephony products;

(b) the time by which these companies are likely to launch commercial service;

(c) whether the private companies propose to hike the rates of dial-up access substantially;

(d) if so, the extent of increase; and

(e) whether the government have any control over the rate structure of the private sector in keeping the rate within a reasonable limit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a): The names of the companies which have been permitted to offer Internet Telephony service are at Annexure.

(b): As per the licence agreement for Internet Services (including Internet Telephony) the service has to be started within 24 months from the effective date of the licence.

(c) to (e): The tariffs for the Internet service are under purview of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).TRAI has forborne tariff for services offered by Internet Service Providers (ISPs); however, TRAI may review and fix a tariff at any time during the validity of the licence which shall be binding on the licensee.

ANNEXURE

Name of the Companies who have been permitted to offer Internet Telephony Service

1. M/s Satyam Infoway Ltd.

2. M/s Data Access India Ltd.

3. M/s ICENET. NET Ltd.

4. M/s Dishnet DSL Ltd.

5. M/s Track Online Net India Pvt. Ltd.
6. M/s Worldphone Internet Services Pvt. Ltd.

7 M/s HCL Infi Net Ltd.

8. M/s Estel Communication Pvt. Ltd.

9. M/s Patriot Automation Projects Ltd.
10. M/s Surana Telecom Ltd.
11. M/s Gateway Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.
12. M/s Comsat Max Ltd.

13. M/s iServ India Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
14. M/s Data Infosys Ltd.
15. M/s Jain Infonet Pvt. Ltd.
16. M/s Direct Internet Ltd.
17. M/s Direct Internet Ltd.

18. M/s Direct Internet Ltd.
19. M/s Primus Telecommunications Ltd.
20. M/s Jumpp India Pvt. Ltd.
21. M/s SAB Infotech Ltd.
22. M/s Rolta India Ltd.
23. M/s Wilnet Communications Pvt. Ltd.
24. M/s Nett Linx Ltd.
25. M/s Growth Compusoft Exports Ltd.
26. M/s Hathway Cables & Datacom Pvt. Ltd.
27. M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.